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Dear Lara Beckett:

Thank you and your delegation for the opportunity to meet during the 2024 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention.

As we are in a caretaker period before a new Cabinet is sworn in, I am pleased to follow up with you on behalf of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills.

I appreciated hearing about the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George's collaboration with the University of Northern British Columbia, other regional districts, food producers, clinics and others regarding veterinary medicine in the region. Training and recruitment of veterinarians is a priority for the Province. The Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills will continue to work with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food to address the need for veterinarians in BC.

In addition, I am happy the Province was able to provide additional financial support to assist a local student complete their veterinary studies next year.

I hope you and other members of your delegation enjoyed a successful Convention and I look forward to continuing to work together in the coming months and years.

Sincerely,

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